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Anticipated Classification of This Application: Class 540  
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Prior Application: Examiner: BARBARA B. BADIO Art Unit 1616

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior Application Serial Number 09/732,208 filed on December 7, 2000, of Kathleen P. Barton, Thomas B. Borchardt, Marlon V. Carlos, Subhash Desai, Leonard J. Ferro, Henry T. Gaud, Scott S. Ganser, Clay R. Little, Partha S. Mudipalli, Mark A. Pietz, Daniel R. Pilipauskas, Yuen-Lung L. Sing, Glenn L. Stahl, Joseph J. Wieczorek and Chris Y. Yan entitled **EPLERENONE CRYSTAL FORM EXHIBITING ENHANCED DISSOLUTION RATE**.

[X] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Oath of Declaration as originally filed December 7, 2000. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of said prior application as originally filed on December 7, 2000.

[ ] Cancel in this application, original Claims \_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original, independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

[X] Amend the specification by replacing the first paragraph with the following: -- This application is a continuation of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 09/732,208 filed December 7, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/246,204 filed on February 8, 1999, which is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/763,910 filed on December 11, 1996 (U.S. Patent No. 5,981,744), which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/008,455 filed on December 11, 1995; --

[X] The filing fee is calculated below:

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| Independent                                 | 16 - 3 =  | 13        | X \$84.00 = | 1092.00   |
| Total                                       | 32 - 20 = | 12        | X \$18.00 = | \$216.00  |
| TOTAL FEE:                                  |           |           |             | \$2058.00 |

[X] A triplicate copy of this transmittal paper is enclosed.

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[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any fees for extensions of time and any other fees in addition to the above as well as all future fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this Application, and credit any overcharges to

Deposit Account No. 19-1025 [37 CFR 1.25(b)].

**NOTE: THIS AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT INCLUDE  
FEES REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR 1.18**

☒ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. ANOTHER DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED FOR FILING IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION FILE.

☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.

☐ Priority of Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

☐ The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to G.D. Searle & Co., P.O. Box 5110, Chicago, Illinois 60680.

☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to James C. Forbes, Registration No. 39,457.

☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

☒ Enclosed is an Associate Power of Attorney from J. Timothy Keane to Joseph R. Schuh.

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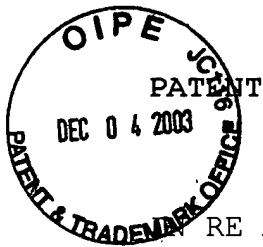
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SIR:

This is a petition for an Extension of Time to extend the due date for this response, originally due September 4, 2003, for a period of three months to December 4, 2003.

Please charge the appropriate extension fee to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

Respectfully submitted,

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